

The Messenger

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR
St Bernard's Church, (SB) Southbourne Ave, Holbury, SO45 2NT

8th May 2011

Third Sunday of Easter - Divine Office: Week 3

Sun 8 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 9 th	No Service (Liturgy: of 3rd Week of Easter)
Tues 10 th	10.00am SM Service of Word & Communion (Liturgy: of 3rd Week of Easter)
Wed 11 th	No Service (Liturgy: of 3rd Week of Easter)
Thurs 12 th	No Service (Liturgy: of 3rd Week of Easter, or optnl Memories: Ss Nereus & Achilleus, or St Pancras, Martyrs)
Fri 13 th	No Service (Liturgy: of 3rd Week of Easter, or optnl Memorial - Our Lady of Fatima)
Sat 14 th	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, St Matthias, Apostle)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sun 15 th	9.00am St Bernards 11.00am St Michaels
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Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Win Cocker (B'day), Ellen Pick (Intentions), baby Tyrell Rawes-Samuels (Health), Bill Feltham RIP, Mick Harrington RIP, Dorothy Minchington RIP, Gilbert Myland RIP, David Roberts RIP, John Weaver RIP

For the week beginning 24th April: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Vera West RIP Anniv

New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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JESUS WALKS WITH US ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

Where do we try to meet God: In holy places, sites of scenic beauty, in church, on our own in private, or when we are with others? Perhaps we can answer "yes" to all those. But where does God try to meet us? The first answer is surely where we are right now. God comes to meet us in our lives. That may not sound very exciting or very inspiring. It may not even be what we want to hear. But it is where we need to find God. If we cannot find God within ourselves and in our lives where else will we find God? How else can we experience joy, peace, love and confidence unless it is first within ourselves and then among ourselves?

Jesus is always walking with us on the journey of life. We turn over in our minds the experiences of life, our hopes & dreams, our fears and anxieties. We share our thoughts with trusted friends who are walking a similar journey. They listen to us and we listen to them. When we experience the uncertainties of life, the collapse of shallow hopes, the futility of selfish ambition, then Jesus is with us to lead us to new life.

Jesus encourages us to read the Scriptures and to see the patterns of God's action. Jesus encourages us to let go of our fear and our worry and to trust God who is always bringing new life out of "death".

Like the two disciples we are hoping that God will act in the world like we do. We imagine God will be forceful and conquering, meting out punishment on sinners and rewarding the righteous. We expect God to shield us from anything that might wound our pride, diminish our bank balance or threaten the manner of life to which we have become accustomed. We imagine God is going to reinforce everything in the way we think it should be. More often than not God is doing the exact opposite.

God in fact has to deconstruct almost everything, all our ego edifices. This is because almost everything has been contrived to protect the interests of the small individual and collective ego - power, status and wealth. We must let this shallow world die before we can experience the new life of God. The small self must die so that we can accept the real self, our identity in God. When we receive that grace in joy and gratitude we begin to experience the risen life of Christ within us and among us. Our hearts begin to burn with eagerness and excitement and then we have good news to share. (DMA).

(Book Recommendation: The Warmth of the Heart prevents your Body from Rusting - Ageing without growing old. By Marie de Hennezel, Rodale ISBN 978-1-905744-84-8, a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week)

For helpful spiritual reflections check out; Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. He is an internationally acclaimed writer, retreat giver & columnist. Go to www.ronrolheiser.com for his weekly reflection & archives of those of past years

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Christina Drury, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Ellen Pick, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Eileen Shanley, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Please keep Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague in your prayers as they begin preparation for Confirmation. They will be joining a group of young people from Totton on their programme & the celebration of the Sacrament will be at St Michaels on Thursday, June 30th at 7pm. The Sacrament will be conferred by Mgr Tom McGrath, Vicar General.

PRAYER POTTERY : The next Prayer Pottery will be on Tuesday, May 31st, at 11am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michaels. It is a time for quiet prayer and reflection guided by Christine Olden. All are very welcome.

A SPECIAL THANKS FROM FR DAVID - Thank you all for the very generous Easter offering this year. Given the difficult financial circumstances of many people it is very much appreciated.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER: To our deacons, Steve & Ian, to all who pray, to Tony & Irene for liturgical preparation & music, to our choir (St Michaels) & music arrangers (St Bernards), to our Servers, to Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers, to Childrens Liturgy Catechists, to our Welcomers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Collectors & Collection Auditors & all helpers.

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: There is a continuing need for regular donations of food for Waterside Foodbank. Especially in these times of economic difficulty, there is a growing number of individuals and families suffering hardship through redundancy, illness, unemployment, homelessness, etc. Collection boxes are in the foyers of St Michael's and St Bernard's churches, with leaflets listing the types of food needed. We are in Lent - the ideal time to be generous to those in need, and to resolve to continue to donate regularly throughout the year ahead.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS - PARISH SHOP: As you know the parish depends heavily on the Faith, Hope & Charity shop for financial support. At the moment volunteers are needed to cover a couple of mornings. It's a service to the parish, its meeting people and its having fun with Tina & the great team of volunteers. A regular commitment is what is needed, once a week, once a fortnight or once a month for Thursdays 9.30am - 1pm &/or Saturdays 9.30am - 1.30pm. A share arrangement with a friend would also be possible. Training & support given.

THE NEXT SOCIAL EVENT being planned by the Martha Group will be a CHEESE & WINE WITH AN AUCTION OF PROMISES & ITEMS. Its planned for early July. So get those thinking caps on!! Perhaps you can offer some time for cleaning, or gardening or car washing. Or you have some nice stuff but its cluttering up - why not auction it?



CAFOD - CARD CAMPAIGN Our CAFOD parish group will soon be inviting us to take part in a new CARD CAMPAIGN. CAFOD are asking the Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell, to back small businesses so that people can raise themselves out of poverty.

GREAT SOUTH RUN - Do you enjoy a challenge? Would you like to help CAFOD in a different way this year? We are looking for runners to take part in the Great South Run in Portsmouth on Sunday 30 October (10 miles), or, if you are aged 3-8 or 9-15, in the Mini (1.5 km) and Junior (2.5 km) Great South Runs! We will be there on the day to cheer you on! For more information and/or to register please contact Sian Hughes: shughes@cafod.org.uk or 020 7095 5333

THANKS TO THE MARTHA GROUP & STEVE BOWLER for a great QUIZ NIGHT. £282 was raised for the parish. Thanks to those who contributed raffle prizes. The raffle raised £82 on the night.

PLANT SALE: The annual plant sale will be held on the 14th May 2011. There will be a Raffle, Cake Stall, hand-made Card stall & a hand-made Jewellery stall. Last minute raffle prizes gratefully received. Oh yes - and pray for good weather. Any queries or offers of help to Veronica Chadwick tel. 80897458

JUST LISTEN! Because we have 2 ears we think that we listen well. We may hear well, but do we listen effectively? On Saturday, 14th May, 10.30am - 3.30pm (coffee from 10.00am), the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation will provide an introduction to listening skills called 'Just Listen'. It will be of interest to anyone who would like to explore how to listen more effectively. Can you spare time to listen to others? Do you visit the sick or house bound? Are you a Catechist helping with Children's Liturgy, or preparing children for Holy Communion or Confirmation? Do you listen to others who come to you with problems? Then this day is for you.

Cost: £7.50. Advance booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee will be provided) Booking forms are available from Fr David. If you would like to go but don't have transport, please let Fr David know as he may be able to pair you up with someone else who is attending.

Venue: St. Edward the Confessor, 191-193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU

SOUTH HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC CLUSTER SCHOOLS

There will be a celebration of the Year of Catholic Education at St George Catholic College, Southampton on Thursday, 26th May with Mass at 6.30pm followed by cheese & wine & a race night. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. If you would like to attend let Fr David know at the Parish Office as space is limited.

ROTARY CLUB - SPRING BAND CONCERT 2011: This will feature the Waterside Youth Orchestras and will take place at Waterside Theatre, Holbury on Sunday, 22nd May at 3.00pm with a break for cold drinks & biscuits. The event will finish at 5pm. If you wish to attend please notify Leslie Sharpe on 80-424240 by Wednesday, 11th May.